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SUBJECT: TARAPUR SHIPMENT; CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

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1. IN ADDITION TO OTTINGER - LONG RESOLUTION CITED IN REF-
TEL (WHICH REP. OTTINGER LINKS TO A LETTER HE AND REP.
LONG CIRCULATED TWO YEARS AGO ON EARLIER NUCLEAR FUEL
SHIPMENTS TO INDIA) THERE IS ALSO CIRCULATING A DRAFT
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TARA-
PUR FUEL INTRODUCED BY REP. DODD (D-CONN). OUR SOUNDINGS
ON THE HILL INDICATE THAT MANY LIBERALS SEE THE TARAPUR
SHIPMENT AS A TEST CASE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH
TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE WITH MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR
OTHER TOUGH DECISIONS. HOWEVER, HEARINGS SEEM CERTAIN TO
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BE SCHEDULED POSSIBLY IN MID-MONTH. ALTHOUGH A SKEPTICAL
ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO PREVAIL; WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT KEY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ACCEPT THE RATIONALE OF THE
PRESENT EXECUTIVE ORDER AND THAT IT WILL SURVIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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